

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee for Women's Services

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee for Women's Services

3b. GSA Committee No.

188

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/15/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/15/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

N/A

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 290aa

13. Effective Date

07/10/1992

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 2 Meetings and Dates 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2

Purpose	Start	End
The purpose of the ACWS meeting was to review the current programs, as well as, gaps and needs and women experiencing homelessness and in the criminal justice system who have behavioral health needs. The ACWS members reviewed the information and created solid recommendations around gaps and needs in these two communities.	02/14/2018	02/14/2018
The purpose of the August ACWS meeting was as follows: Updates for new and ongoing projects regarding women experiencing homelessness and in the criminal justice system; Overview of the DREAMS program; Gain feedback and direction for two new products on Interpersonal Violence and Women's Trauma Informed Care around Re-entry, Review of data, grants and needs for Indian Country and women with behavioral health needs; and lastly to update ACWS on SAMHSA's legislative updates and ask for recommendations for new product creation related to women and behavioral health.	08/01/2018	08/01/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$4,200.00	\$4,800.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$130,447.00	\$132,925.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$4,989.00	\$6,000.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$13,684.00	\$21,060.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$8,448.00	\$8,534.00
18d. Total	\$161,768.00	\$173,319.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.75	0.75

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

In accordance with section 501(f) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 290aa, the SAMHSA Associate Administrator for Women's Services (AAWS) shall provide leadership and guidance in developing and implementing agency plans to meet women's substance abuse and mental health services needs; coordinate and promote collaboration among the three SAMHSA Centers, and with other U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) components; develop policies and programs regarding women's issues; develop plans to standardize and enhance the collection of data on women's health; establish and operate the mandated agency Coordinating Committee for Women's Services; promote the allocation of sufficient resources for women's services within each SAMHSA Center; establish and support the mandated ACWS; ensure the establishment, maintenance and operation of a program to provide information on women's substance abuse and mental health services; assure the conduct of appropriate evaluation of women's services; and monitor and report on agency recruitment and hiring of women in senior positions.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The ACWS is comprised of ten members appointed by the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, SAMHSA and 1 ex-officio federal employee (Associate Administrator for Women's Services). A majority of the members are women who are not employees of the Federal Government. Members include physicians, practitioners, consumer advocates, treatment providers and other health professionals, whose clinical practice, specialization, or professional expertise include a significant focus on women's substance abuse and mental health conditions. Appointments are made by paying close attention to experience, expertise and gender representation, as well as equitable race/ethnicity representation and geographical distribution. All members participate fully in policy discussions and program development, each bringing to bear their own unique perspective.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee met twice during this reporting period. It is anticipated that two 1-day

face-to-face or virtual meetings will be held in FY 2019, thus adhering to the Committee's mandate and continuing function of advising SAMHSA on the appropriate policies and activities with respect to women's substance abuse and mental health services and on the improvement in the participation of women in the Agency's workforce. The meetings are relevant to SAMHSA because they allow the Agency to secure the professional expertise necessary to accomplish its mission and maintain the public's trust.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The ACWS is composed of experts whose clinical practice, specialization or professional expertise includes a significant focus on women's substance abuse and mental health conditions. The direction, scope, balance and emphasis of the advice received from this group cannot be obtained from Agency staff or from other established sources because the membership of the Committee is constituted to meet the specific requirements of the mandated mission of the Committee and of the Agency. Moreover, the Committee provides a direct link between SAMHSA and the field and is invaluable in helping SAMHSA to be responsive to the needs of women with or at risk for addictive and mental health disorders.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?
N/A

21. Remarks

Anne Herron is the Acting Associate Administrator for Women's Services and serves on the committee as the Chair, federal employee, ex-officio member. Anne Herron is acting until a new AAWS is chosen and replaced Mary Fleming on January 30, 2018.

Designated Federal Officer

Valerie Kolick Public Health Analyst

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Delphin-Rittmon, Mariam	01/01/2018	12/31/2021	CT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fineday, Anita	01/01/2015	12/31/2017	Managing Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fleming, Mary	01/01/2016	01/01/2020	SAMHSA/Associate Administrator for Women's Services (AAWS)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Greenfield, Shelly	02/16/2012	12/31/2017	Chief Academic Officer and Director of Clinical and Health Services Research and Education, Division on Alcohol and Drug Abuse McLean Hospital, Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Harlan, Sparky	04/01/2017	03/31/2021	Chief Executive Officer, Bill Wilson Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Icenhower, Kathryn	01/01/2017	12/31/2021	Manager, Women's Substance Use Disorders Programs, Office of Behavioral Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jones, Hendree	01/01/2015	12/31/2018	Executive Director, UNC Horizons	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lovell, Cortney	01/01/2017	12/31/2021	Founder of CEO of WRise, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lustig, Dan	01/01/2015	12/31/2018	Vice President of Clinical Services	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mooney, Karen	01/01/2014	12/31/2017	Manager, Women's Substance Use Disorders Programs, Department of Behavioral Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pai-Espinosa, Jeannette	01/01/2014	12/31/2018	President, The National Crittenton Foundation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith, Brenda	01/01/2014	12/31/2017	Professor of Law, American University, Washington College of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Warshaw, Carole	02/16/2012	12/31/2018	Executive Director, Domestic Violence and Mental Health Policy Initiative, Director: National Center of Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

The Advisory Committee for Women's Services (ACWS) provides guidance and advice to the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, SAMHSA, on the appropriate activities to be undertaken by the Agency with respect to women's substance abuse and mental health services. SAMHSA is directed by Congress to target effectively substance abuse and mental health services to the people most in need and to translate research in these areas more effectively and more rapidly into the general health care system. Over the years SAMHSA has demonstrated that - prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover from mental and substance use disorders. Behavioral health

services improve health status and reduce health care and other costs to society. Continued improvement in the delivery and financing of prevention, treatment and recovery support services provides a cost effective opportunity to advance and protect the Nation's health. In FY 2018, the ACWS supported the Agency's mission of reducing the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities by providing input on policies and planning and identifying issues/problems specifically related to women and girls. The Committee recommend that housing be included this year as a CBHSQ learning agenda priority. Members discussed the significant impact that sex trafficking has on women's mental health and substance uses, noting the need for more research and data on this topic. Follow-up discussion addressed Region I approaches to working on mental health and substance use issues with incarcerated women and with AI/AN populations; infant and early pediatric mental health programs; the impact of homelessness on mental health and substance use among women; and the importance of family-centered treatment. ACWS recommendations included:

- o Disseminate the Region I model of addressing opioid use among women to other SAMHSA regions.
- o Educate the field on the value of family-based treatment.
- o Advocate for changes in the Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) exclusion, which prevents women from accessing needed treatment.

Additionally, the ACWS recommended the following around AI/AN women:

- o Work with the Office of Native Affairs and Policy to develop a white paper focused on resilience among American Indians/Alaska Natives and how it may be increased.
- o Continue the conversation about the invisibility of AI/AN women in future meetings with new Council members and with the Native American TTAC.
- o Explore meeting at an AI/AN location in the future in order to understand the Indian experience more deeply.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Committee recommendations and suggestions may lead to savings over time. However, the savings may not be realized for years and are difficult to determine.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

87

Number of Recommendations Comments

Between FYs 1994 and 2018, the ACWS produced approximately 87 recommendations. During FY 2018, members recommended the following: (a) use peers to link homeless women with BH services, (b) focus on a multi-generational support for homeless, (c) complete a thorough review of improving access to care for homeless, (d) more training for jails/prisons around trauma informed care, (e) support wrap-around services in incarcerated settings & after-care for women in CJ system, (f) integrate child welfare and CJ systems to meet family needs, (g) SAMHSA to collaborate with other agencies to expand the definition of homelessness, (h) publish the OWH/SAMHSA developed "Helping Women Reenter: A Guide for Those Helping Women Transition After Incarceration", (i) more public discussion/education regarding inclusion of sensitive information in the integrated health record, (j) develop guidance re: Recovery Coach Act & Family First Prevention Services Act, (k) gather more data and evaluation on Indian women's health by tribe and location, (l) document impact that casino-generated revenues may have on the BH of tribal members, (m) help tribes train/recruit their tribal members to become BH providers.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

will be Fully implemented by the agency?

75%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Since the beginning of the ACWS, approximately 75% of the Committee's recommendations have been fully implemented by the Agency. For example, SAMHSA is ensuring that cultural competency perspective and trauma informed care is incorporated into all of its strategic initiatives. SAMHSA is developing action briefs focusing on trauma informed care for women in the criminal justice system. , SAMHSA will meet with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the National Alliance to End Homelessness to identify gaps in the system of care for unsheltered populations. SAMHSA will report future actions about addressing the needs of women experiencing homelessness after that meeting. SAMHSA is working OWH/OASH to publish the Re-entry guide. SAMHSA is working with IHS to collect more data regarding Indian women's health.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

9%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

During the life of the Committee, approximately 10% of its recommendations have been partially implemented due to restrictions imposed by legislative/fiscal/programmatic concerns and/or superseding agency priorities.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Status reports on actions by the Agency on matters that have come before the Committee are provided at Committee meetings. The Agency provides feedback to the members in the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, SAMHSA and Associate Administrator for Women's Services' Reports provided to members in each meeting. The Agency ensures that complete meeting minutes are prepared and circulates them in draft to the members for clearance and approval at the next official meeting. When the ACWS votes to pass resolutions/recommendations for the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Us, SAMHSA, it is SAMHSA's policy to ensure responses to the Committee are provided within a prescribed time frame. Summaries of

information may be mailed, e-mailed, telephoned or faxed to Committee members. Communications from SAMHSA staff to ACWS members include: issue papers, fact sheets, press releases, reports and other documents. ACWS members also have access to senior management and technical experts, when needed.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A